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TO : Acting Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 April 1957

FROM : Acting Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for March 1957

1. Accomplishmentsa. Projects Completed

- 25X1A9a (1) Soviet NIE (10.1506), completed by the Soviet section - [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a (2) Textual discussion of foreign trade in light industry goods, a portion of "Progress and Problems of the European Satellite Economies in 1956" (10.1509), completed by [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a (3) Brief statement of Soviet and Czecho positions in rayon and synthetic textiles, drawn up by [REDACTED] for ultimate use by State Department in appraising Soviet and Czecho proposals for ECE working groups on these products.

b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) The Soviet section has received additional data from A/U necessary to complete the ruble-dollar ratio project (10.1626), which otherwise is finished.
- 25X1A9a (2) [REDACTED] started work on "Price Trends in Consumer Expenditures in the USSR" (30.1534).
- 25X1A9a (3) The European Satellites section - [REDACTED] continued work on "Progress and Problems of the European Satellite Economies in 1956" (10.1509), including work on production estimates for light industry, commodity trade figures, and living conditions.
- 25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] worked on "Domestic Trade in Communist China" (38.1648).
- 25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] worked on "Industrial Capital Investment in Light Industry in Communist China" (30.1535).

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2. Training

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] is now conducting the ORR Statistics Course, "Introduction to Economic Statistics."

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] started the ORR Statistics Course.

3. Trips and Speeches

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] took part in an ORR panel discussion at the Strategic Intelligence School on 7 March; he spoke on "Current Problems in the Industrial Development of the USSR."

4. Administration

Nothing to report.

5. Plans

The branch research program for FY 58 was submitted, including a list of projects and hours required and a division of total branch time among research, intelligence maintenance, estimates files, and so on.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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